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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

GENERAL REMARKS.

It is with pleasure that we comply with the requirements of the law and present to our fellow-townsmen our annual report, for by examining the following pages you will learn that the finance of the town still retains its healthy condition. Our summary will show a balance in favor of the town of \$3,045.01, notwithstanding the heavy drafts upon the treasury to pay the High School appropriation, and our apportionment for building the Weare road, amounting to \$1,100.00. No assessment was made for the \$900 paid the High School — it was drawn from the town treasury. It is an anomaly in the management of town affairs that with the assessment of but one dollar to defray town charges we have been able to pay all ordinary bills, and turn over to the treasurer more than \$1,000. As we predicted last year, the reduction of the apportionment of our public tax — from which we have so long and unjustly suffered — has aided materially in this result.

We have not a single town pauper at the present time, consequently all aid rendered is paid by the county. Unless some unforeseen circumstance should occur requiring larger expenditures, seemingly there will be no occasion to raise any money to defray town charges or pay the annual \$500 stipend voted the High School.

If the same good fortune should continue, the financial condition of our town will soon be such as will enable us to provide a town hall, which the town stands sadly in need of, without resorting to extra assessments for that purpose.

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Wm. O. Folsom, over-payment of	
highway taxes	\$5 25

Paid Wm. O. Folsom, care of hearse . . .	\$7 00
A. P. Wiggin, bounties . . .	1 10
Daniel Putney, repairing sleigh, Hathorn girls . . .	75
J. B. Clarke, printing reports. . .	22 00
L. W. Cogswell, over-taxation . . .	1 40
F. E. Colby, books and blanks . . .	9 29
“ “ record books . . .	7 25
Lorinda Hathorn, damage to horse	20 00
Dr. H. A. Watson, returning births and deaths . . .	50
O. H. Noyes, store goods per order	30 30
Cash advanced for bounties by se- lectmen and treasurer . . .	110 20
Wm. P. Cressey, repairing hearse and guide-boards . . .	25 00
Chas. H. Sargent, repairing damage to wagon . . .	10 00
J. H. Albin, services as attorney . . .	88 00
Town of Weare, for building road . . .	200 00
Wm. O. Folsom, polish and cush- ion for hearse . . .	4 25
L. W. Peabody, return of births and deaths . . .	4 50
C. H. Alexander, board and rooms town officers, from June 1, 1883, to Feb. 25, 1885 . . .	52 50
G. H. H. Sillsby & Son, blank books . . .	1 75
L. W. Cogswell, memorial services . . .	75 00
Dr. A. C. Burnham, return of births . . .	25
Dr. Geo. C. Blaisdell, “ “ . . .	25
W. T. Sargent, recording births, deaths and marriages . . .	8 40
W. T. Sargent, postage and station- ery . . .	75
Dr. George H. Sanborn, return of births and deaths . . .	4 75

Paid Curtis B. Childs, books furnished indigent scholars	\$6 50	
Charles S. Davis, care of town house	5 00	
F. E. Colby, cash advanced for wrappers, postage and guide-boards . .	12 53	
Balch & Rice, stable bills from June, 1, 1883, to Feb. 23, 1885	37 80	
James Fellows, recording secretary, making collector's book, and expense in pauper cases	21 85	
C. A. Bean, snowing bridge	3 25	
Geo. Livingston, snowing bridge and watering-trough	6 50	
Carlos Childs, land damage	10 00	
O. H. Noyes, lumber, Ring bridge	3 75	
John Chase, watering-trough	1 00	
Maria Cogswell, watering-trough . .	2 00	
A. P. Wiggin, " "	2 00	
Fred Martin, " "	2 00	
Franklin E. Colby, watering-trough, 1882, 1883, 1884	3 00	
For maps, globes and fixtures, and books	28 89	
To order, for abatements on collector's book drawn for E. Flanders	24 49	
	<hr/>	\$861 00

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid C. G. McAlpine, building culvert	\$2 00
W. Colby, labor two days	3 00
R. J. Clark, repairing highways . .	4 50
J. P. Dow, filling washout	44 37
I. M. French, labor on highway . .	2 00
Geo. W. Paige, " "	11 99
S. J. Darling " "	17 10
S. C. Huntington, labor on highway	29 97
J. Fellows, cash advanced for labor	

and material to repair highways as per bills rendered	\$46 00
Paid F. H. Barnes, labor on Ring bridge	3 00
M. W. Morse, repairing Pond road and cutting bushes	8 25
John Gutterson, 5,961 feet bridge plank	59 61
M. J. Mittleman labor on new road	14 00
Carlos Childs, labor on highway .	3 50
Presby and Colby, labor on highway	4 50
F. E. Colby, cash paid for railing .	9 65
C. C. French, labor on highways .	6 00
John Gage, lumber for Ring bridge	12 27
G. C. & A. G. Preston, spikes, etc., for Ring bridge	1 38
Geo. A. Eastman, labor on highway	7 48
C. H. Felch, " "	3 00
James G. Rice, damage to plow .	2 00
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	\$295 57

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Willard Colby	\$11 00
S. W. Cate	4 00
Francis Hills	1 75
C. G. McAlpine	20 10
Joseph Wood	4 62
N. W. Blaisdell	3 88
Wesley Felch	14 93
J. M. French	7 20
B. F. Clark	14 87
D. K. Robbins	16 31
R. J. Clark	17 75
C. S. Ray	14 75
Fred Martin	14 00
Kendall Whitcomb	4 50
M. W. Rice	1 63
Warren Felch	18 37

Paid J. M. Goss	\$21 87
J. A. Newton	8 68
M. W. Morse	34 12
J. F. Flanders	9 81
J. W. Chase	3 75
J. H. Matthews	20 75
J. F. Dow	7 25
Geo. W. Page	19 84
F. D. Patten	20 31
S. J. Dowling	19 25
T. L. Chase	23 87
A. M. Chase	20 09
S. E. Dowling	7 75
J. P. Flanders	11 37
C. C. French	20 25
John Graham	3 00
M. J. Mittleman	8 18
C. E. Robertson	4 37
H. C. Goodwin	6 62
J. S. Whitney	9 68
H. Morrill	10 25
N. Sawyer	9 90
J. J. Rice	7 37
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	\$477 99

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid W. A. Johnson, services of auditors	\$4 00
J. B. Brown, supervisor.	8 00
H. Carter, supervisor	12 00
H. A. Campbell, supervisor	12 00
Ebenezer Flanders, collector	75 00
Curtis B. Childs, S. S. committee	60 00
W. T. Sargent, clerk	25 00
W. T. Sargent, treasurer	25 00
James Fellows, selectman	79 00
Freeman E. Colby, selectman	75 60
Joseph Wood, selectman	70 00
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	\$445 60

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Paid Van R. Page	\$52 00	
Wm. Merrill	30 00	
Mary B. Bacon	3 00	
James M. Colby	11 00	
	<hr/>	\$96 00

BOUNTIES.

Amount paid on woodchucks . . .		\$110 20
Received from state	\$109 80	
Due from state	40	
	<hr/>	\$110 20

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Betsey Bell, for support . . .	\$53 00	
W. D. Harwood, for support of Mary J. Colby	65 00	
Effie McCoy, for nursing W. H. Newman's family	19 50	
Wm. O. Folsom, casket, etc., for E. W. Whitman	15 00	
Wm. O. Folsom, casket, etc., for Michael Gorman	13 00	
Lovina Smith, support of paupers .	25 00	
S. W. Morrison, house rent for New- man family	12 75	
Dr. G. C. Blaisdell, medical attend- ance G. D. Barnes family . . .	9 50	
Dr. H. A. Watson, medical attend- ance W. Colby family	17 50	
N. E. Philbrick, board and nursing G. D. Barnes family	8 00	
I. Woods, supplies for Newman family	16 37	
Dr. Burnham, medical attendance on Newman family	10 00	

Paid J. B. Copp, support and nursing A. Giles	\$16 50
G. C. McAlpine, support of Jennie Gambell	9 00
G. C. & A. G. Preston, clothing for Jennie Gambell	9 00
C. H. Alexander, entertaining tramps	6 25
O. H. Noyes, supplies for J. M. Flanders	8 38
Wm. O. Folsom, casket, etc., for H. N. Ripley	15 75
J. B. Copp, support of A. Giles	18 95
D. W. Cogswell, digging two graves	6 00
Dr. Peabody, medical attendance on F. Fosdick	3 75
Dr. Peabody, medical attendance on H. N. Ripley	6 00
C. G. McAlpine, for Jennie Gambell	10 00
Geo. H. Sanborn, for S. Knot, Giles, and Whitman	39 30
Mrs. L. Smith and others, board, clothing and supplies for paupers	345 90
J. Fellows, pork for J. M. Flanders	2 45
O. H. Noyes, supplies for sundry paupers	33 21
Dr. Peabody, medical attendance on pauper	28 00
Amount due for support of E. W. Whitman, paid by town last year	48 10
Dr. Sanborn, bill paid last year for A. Giles	7 50
	<hr/> \$877 66

APPORTIONMENT OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid District No. 1	\$198 17
No. 2	133 59
No. 3	147 18
No. 4	194 73

Paid District No. 5	\$238 88
No. 6	157 37
No. 7	187 95
No. 8	225 30
No. 10	153 96
No. 11	310 19
No. 12	143 77
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	\$2,091 09
Paid Warren Ward, school money due district No. — in Bradford, from No. 5, for 1881, 1882, 1883	8 85
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	\$2,099 94

PAID HIGH SCHOOL.

1884.	
April 21. J. H. Albin, treasurer, for re- pairs, appropriated by vote of town	\$400 00
July 19. J. H. Albin, treasurer, appro- priation for high school	250 00
Nov. 25. J. H. Albin, for high school 1885.	125 00
Jan. 26. J. H. Albin, for high school	125 00
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	\$900 00

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid J. A. Cochran expense of Ida Barns in Concord	\$2 85
Dr. H. A. Watson, medical attend- ance	5 00
Geo. E. Barnes for board and nurs- ing same	20 00
Dr. Geo. C. Blaisdell, medical attendance on Geo. Dana Barns' two children.	4 75
Selectmen of Hopkinton, board and aid rendered	10 00
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	\$42 60

SCHOOL-HOUSE TAX IN DISTRICT NO. 5.

Whole amount assessed,		\$1,037 91
Paid O. B. Childs, agent	500 00	
Paid O. B. Childs, agent	455 00	
Paid O. B. Childs, agent	50 00	
W. H. Manley's tax abated	90	
*Errors in taxation	12 99	
	<hr/>	\$1,018 89
Balance due district		<hr/> \$19 02

SCHOOL-HOUSE TAX IN DISTRICT NO. 11.

Whole amount assessed,		\$153 80
Paid H. A. Emerson, agent	145 00	
Abated	45	
Error in taxation	61	
	<hr/>	\$146 06
Balance due the district		<hr/> \$7 74

TOWN ABATEMENTS.

V. R. Page's tax, on H. A. Rice's book, 1882, paid in Salisbury,		\$3 06
On E. Flanders' book:—		
Frank Webster, cow	16	
Geo. C. Griffin, poll	84	
Frank B. Modica, "paid in Chicago,	84	
W. H. Manley "	84	
Joel G. Osborne "	84	
Francis Putney	\$3 02	
	<hr/>	\$6 54
		<hr/> \$9 60

*For the foregoing abatements and errors an order has been drawn, and is included in the miscellaneous bills.

SUMMARY, SHOWING STANDING OF THE TOWN.

ASSETS.

Balance in favor of the town last year, per selectmen's report	\$3,104 17
Amount committed to collector for col- lection April, 1884	6,723 17
Interest on taxes received of H. A. Rice, collector, 1882	15 00
Interest on taxes received of E. Flanders, collector in 1884	10 60
From state tax on deposits, railroads, stocks, etc.	2,570 12
From state for cash advanced on bounties	109 80
From county for support of paupers	877 62
From C. S. Davis, rent of town hall	4 00
From treasurer for interest on deposits in savings banks	14 67
Due from E. Flanders, collector on sun- dry taxes	43 74
Due from state cash advanced for bounties	40

\$13,473 29

CONTRA.

Paid miscellaneous bills,—including abate- ments	\$861 00
Repair of highways	295 57
Breaking roads	477 99
Town officers	445 60
County paupers this year	822 06
Town paupers	42 60
State tax	1,572 00
County tax	1,546 84
Damage to sheep by dogs	96 00
Support of schools (raised by assess- ment).	1,991 09

Paid Support of schools, dog tax appropriated	\$100 00
Bradford school Dis. No. — for 1881, 1882, 1883.	8 85
High school appropriation	900 00
School-house tax in Dis. No. 5	1,005 00
School-house tax in Dis. No. 11	145 00
Balance of tax due Dis. No. 5	19 02
Balance of tax due Dis. No. 11	7 74
Non-resident highway tax receipts	68 62
	<hr/> 10,404 98
Balance in favor of town.	<hr/> \$3,068 31

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES FELLOWS,
 FREEMAN E. COLBY,
 JOSEPH WOOD,
Selectmen of Henniker.

HENNIKER, Feb. 23, 1885.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, and find the same correctly cast, and proper vouchers for the same.

WM. N. JOHNSON,
 JOSIAH W. EMERY.
Auditing Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's account with the town of Henniker, for the year ending March 1, 1885, is as follows: —

Cash in treasury March 1, 1884 . . .	\$2,916 86
Received from H. A. Rice, collector for	
1882, interest on taxes	15 00
E. Flanders, collector for	
1884	6,624 40
E. Flanders, interest on	
taxes	10 60
insurance tax	30 00
railroad tax	168 39
literary fund	144 48
savings-bank tax	2,227 25
bounty on woodchucks	109 80
support of county paupers	877 62
dog tax divided among	
schools	100 00
C. S. Davis, rent of town	
house	4 00
New Hampshire savings-	
bank, interest on de-	
posits	14 67
Total	\$13,243 07

There has been paid from the treasury, on orders from the selectmen, as follows: —

For support of schools	\$2,091 09
breaking roads	477 99
repair of highways and bridges	295 57
support of paupers	864 66

For state tax	\$1,572 00
county tax	1,546 84
school-house tax	1,150 00
non-resident highway tax receipts	68 62
abatement of taxes	24 49
miscellaneous bills (items in select- men's report)	2,214 26
Total	<hr/> \$10,305 52
Balance in treasury March 1, 1885, not including dog money	\$2,937 55

STATEMENT OF FUNDS FROM DOG TAX.

Cash in hands of treasurer March 1, 1884	\$175 75
Received from collector for 1884	85 00
Total	<hr/> \$260 75
Divided among schools	\$100 00
Paid for sheep killed by dogs	96 00
Total	<hr/> \$196 00
Balance in hands of treasurer	\$64 75

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER SARGENT,

Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

HENNIKER, Feb. 23, 1885.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1885, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM N. JOHNSON,

JOSIAH W. EMERY,

Auditing Committee.

REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF HENNIKER HIGH SCHOOL

The Academy School Board in account with the town of Henniker and Trustees of Henniker Academy:—

1884.	DR.
Received of the treasurer of the town, as per vote of annual meeting, March, 1884, for repairing academy	\$400 00
trustees of Henniker Academy	100 00
total fund for repairs and school furniture	————— \$500 00
W. W. Skillen, for iron rods	2 00
C. C. Richards, for old iron and pipe	1 40
L. W. Cogswell, for fourteen old windows	13 00
the Treasurer of the town, ap- propriation for schooling	500 00
for tuition, fall term	175 25
for tuition, winter term	183 00
Total receipts	————— \$1,374 65

1884.	CR.
Paid Carroll W. Clark, for school furni- ture	\$226 00
freight bill	1 16

Paid W. A. Folsom, hardware . . .	\$7 01	
S. C. Powers, labor . . .	3 00	
C. V. Paper Co., lime . . .	12 60	
John C. Cogswell, labor . . .	34 88	
Charles O. Carnes, labor . . .	36 00	
W. E. Sargent, labor . . .	36 67	
Gage & Co., lumber, etc. . .	54 37	
W. W. Skillen, iron rods . . .	6 60	
Lovell Eastman, doors and windows	38 70	
freight bill	25	
Charles C. Hill, painting . . .	18 50	
John C. Cogswell, labor on black-		
boards	2 50	
Gage & Co., lumber and labor . .	1 80	
W. E. Sargent, labor, putting down		
seats	4 25	
G. C. & A. G. Preston, paints . .	12 72	
Postage on school circulars . . .	1 00	
C. C. Richards, wood-box . . .	25	
By balance of Academy fund carried to		
new account	1 74	
		\$500 00

NEW ACCOUNT.

DR.

To balance from Academy fund . . .	\$1 74	
miscellaneous	16 40	
tuition	358 25	
town appropriation	500 00	
Balance of receipts		\$876 39

CR.

Paid L. W. Cogswell, for cash advanced,
as follows: Paid express, 55
cents; cleaning school-rooms, 75
cents; C. C. Richards, 1 broom,
30 cents; 1 dust-pan, 20 cents;
1 pail and dipper, 35 cents; O. H.
Noyes, crayons, 30; dusters, 85

cents; G. C. & A. G. Preston,	
ink, .40; hinges, screws, etc.,	
\$1.36; Libby & Son, erasers, 25	
cents; key, 20 cents	\$5 51
Paid W. O. Folsom, chairs	2 50
C. C. Richards, stove funnel, zinc	
and labor	22 60
J. W. Emery, one and seven-eighths	
cords of wood	7 50
Murphy, Dodge, & Smith, hardware	10 97
Rep. Press Association, printing .	19 75
True A. Heath, curtains	10 22
Silsby & Son, erasers	66
George A. Eastman, one and three-	
eighths cords of wood, sawing and	
delivering	7 37
Allison Merrill, janitor, fall term .	4 00
Ira W. Holt, fall term	233 33
Mrs. Ira W. Holt, fall term	40 00
G. C. & A. G. Preston, sundries	95
C. H. & F. H. Conner, sawing and	
delivering wood	3 80
J. W. Emery, two cords of wood .	7 00
L. W. Cogswell	\$13 00
C. C. Richards, zinc	85
John Gutterson, labor on moldings	1 00
G. C. & A. G. Preston, two cords	
of wood	7 00
Silsby & Son, erasers	2 16
Nellis Carnes, putting in ventilators	1 50
O. H. Noyes, thermometer	25
O. H. Noyes, crayons	15
C. C. Richards, zinc	25
Humphrey, Dodge, & Smith, coat	
hooks	50
Allison Merrill, janitor, winter term	4 00
Allison Merrill, extra services .	3 00
Ira W. Holt, winter term	233 34

Paid Mrs. Ira W. Holt, winter term	\$70 00	
Cash on hand	163 23	
	<u> </u>	\$876 39
Balance of receipts		\$876 39
Total receipts		\$1,374 65
Total payments	\$1,211 42	
Cash on hand	163 23	
	<u> </u>	\$1,374 65

HENNIKER, Feb. 53, 1885.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer of the Henniker High School Board, for the year ending March 1, 1885, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM N. JOHNSON,
JOSIAH W. EMERY,

Auditing Committee.

REPORT
OF THE
ACADEMY SCHOOL BOARD, 1884-85.

Under the contract made by the town of Henniker, upon the one part, with the trustees of Henniker Academy, upon the other part, and ratified by the town at its annual meeting in March, 1884, in accordance with a special act passed by the legislature, June session, 1883, the undersigned committee, on behalf of the trustees and the town, entered upon the discharge of the trust committed to them, and as a result make this report.

The rooms in the second story of the academy have been thoroughly repaired, placed in an excellent condition, and furnished with modern school furniture, rendering them very pleasant and attractive. Three terms of twelve weeks each of school for the year were determined upon, the fall term commencing September 3, the winter term December 3, and the spring term March 3, the tuition ranging from the low sum of \$4 to \$6 per term, according to the studies pursued. The services of Ira W. Holt, A. M., were secured for the first year. Mr. Holt came recommended, by many of the best educators of the state, as an able, faithful, thorough, and experienced teacher, all of which have been fully realized by the advancement the school has made under his labors. The services of his wife, a very accomplished lady and faithful teacher, were also secured as an assistant teacher. The first term opened with brighter prospects than we had reason to expect or had anticipated, and there were during the term forty-one different scholars. The winter term had forty-five different scholars, and the examinations at the close of each term, witnessed by a large number of people, showed that both teachers

and pupils had improved their time, a great amount of hard work had been done by all, and great good had been accomplished.

We most sincerely commend the school to the people of this town and vicinity, and bespeak for it that patronage it so richly deserves, having already attained the rank of a first-class school in its excellent discipline and thoroughness of instruction.

Upon the five hundred dollars appropriated by the town, and upon the amount received for tuition, we have depended to furnish the school-rooms with some things much needed, to pay all incidental expenses, and to pay the teachers for their services.

With the cash now on hand and the amount of tuition for the spring term, we hope to be able to meet all expenses that may be incurred for the remainder of the school year.

Accompanying this report we present a financial statement.

LEANDER W. COGSWELL,
JOHN H. ALBIN,
CURTIS B. CHILDS,

Committee.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Parker P. Patch, Prudential Committee.

First term, seven and eight-tenths weeks, taught by Minnie Whittemore. Second term, five and eight-tenths weeks, taught by Hattie C. Bliss and Ada M. Carr. Third term, twelve weeks, taught by George H. Dodge.

At the beginning of the spring term I found Miss Whittemore a wide-awake, energetic teacher, evidently well adapted to the needs of the school, both as to instruction and discipline. For lack of proper notice from the committee, I was unable to visit the school at its close. Unfortunately, owing to Miss Whittemore's health, the committee was unable to secure her services for the remainder of the year.

Miss Bliss promised good work for the fall term, but during the second week was taken dangerously ill, and her work suddenly ended. Miss Carr took her place; but sickness soon took most of the scholars out of school, and at the end of four weeks I thought best to close the term.

Mr. Dodge's uniform success as a teacher is too well known to need any comment from me. His school is still in session.

The committee was fortunate in the choice of each of his teachers, and could either have had a year of uninterrupted work the district would have received full value for its money.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Harvey Chase, Prudential Committee.

First term, six weeks, taught by Helen M. Low. Second and third terms, fifteen and six-tenths weeks, by Mary W. Eastman.

The first term was more than half through when your committee was appointed, and at my visit I found everything very quiet indeed.

A teacher of Miss Eastman's talents and experience is not often within the reach of a district with so few scholars and so little money; but perhaps her services are of as much value to the community, if not of as much profit to herself, as if devoted to a larger number of scholars. I was unavoidably absent from the closing examination, but her methods shown at former visits were what this school needed.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Harrison Morrill, Prudential Committee.

Three terms, twenty-six weeks, by Clara E. Patten.

This is not a school in which any teacher could make much display; but patience and perseverance will produce good results in a year, and Miss Patten deserves much credit for the exhibit of these qualities in this school. She deserves a larger field.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Albert W. Sumner, Prudential Committee.

Two terms, fifteen weeks, taught by Nettie M. Peabody. Third term, ten weeks, taught by Elwin L. House.

Miss Peabody's ability to interest and instruct her scholars is sufficiently well known. The discipline was not what it should have been. This school requires a very stiff hand.

In the winter term the discipline was excellent, and most of the classes went over a good deal of ground.

It does not seem desirable to employ a teacher who has other business of so much more importance as to require the school to be discontinued as often as this has been. Habits of regularity in attendance and interest in studies cannot be hoped for in scholars unless they shall seem to be desired by parents and teacher.

DISTRICT NO 5.

Curtis B. Childs, Prudential Committee.

Three terms, twenty-nine weeks, taught by Carrie L. Morse.

This has been, for the year, the largest school in town. The new house, occupied for two terms, seemed to excite an interest in the scholars by showing them that others were interested for them and they responded generously to the efforts of teacher and parents to make their work attractive. The improvement in order, both in school and out, and in general behavior and manners, has been very commendable. In studies equally good results are shown. The amount and quality of work done has not been exceeded by any teacher, and the results shown have been made possible only by the hearty support and coöperation of all the parents. In this respect No. 5 has set an example that some other districts will do well to follow.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

C. G. McAlpine, Prudential Committee.

First term, eight and eight-tenths weeks, taught by Arvilla A. Hardy. Second and third terms, sixteen weeks, taught by William H. Harwood.

On applying for a certificate Miss Hardy confessed to a lack of experience in teaching and of extended knowledge of the higher branches, but a few weeks' work in the school showed that she possessed qualifications without which experience and the higher education cannot make a successful teacher. It would have been far more profitable for the district to have retained her services for the entire year.

There is the beginning of a factional quarrel in this district which the people will do well to abandon before they shall attain to the position now occupied by District No 11. Possibly this condition of things somewhat affected the reputation of Mr. Harwood as a teacher. At the close of the term the classes made a good showing.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Ransom T. Dodge, Prudential Committee.

Three terms, twenty-five weeks, taught by Anna E. Dodge.

Miss Dodge is one of our best teachers and it was unfortunate that so many were kept from school by sickness. Miss Dodge's intended retirement from the business of teaching will be a great loss to our schools.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Ephraim P. Goss, Prudential Committee.

Three terms, thirty weeks, taught by Alice J. Taylor.

If the success of this school had depended wholly on the teacher and scholars it would have been as profitable as any in town. Miss Taylor was eminently qualified by her natural abilities and her training to deal with the scholars who attend this school. That she failed to entirely counteract the influence of many of the parents was no worse fate than has befallen a large proportion of the teachers who have preceded her. In reading there was no more successful work done in town.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Nathan P. Buxton, Prudential Committee.

Two terms, twenty-two weeks, taught by Helen H. Colby.

Miss Colby taught this school last year and the people of the district, appreciating a good teacher when they have found her, immediately engaged her services for the present year. The results attained have proved the wisdom of their choice.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Wesley Felch, Prudential Committee.

Two terms, eighteen weeks, taught by Lydia M. Marshall.
Third term, nine weeks, by George Q. Pettie and Walter T. Felch.

Miss Marshall commenced her school under circumstances that would have made the success of any teacher practically impossible. The determination of many of the parents frequently expressed in the presence of their children, that this teacher should not succeed, of course filled the minds of scholars with ideas of insubordination and disorder. This, with the inexperience of the teacher in the management of so large a school

and her inaptitude for contending with difficulties of this kind, was sufficient to make this term more of an injury than a benefit to the pupils.

At the beginning of the fall term a large number of the older scholars having entered the academy, Miss Marshall found a comparatively small school of small scholars which she proved herself well qualified to govern and instruct. At the examination some of the smaller classes showed very finely indeed.

During the week Mr. Pettee had charge of the school he made a very good impression and promised a profitable term. Dissatisfaction with the prudential committee as to the matter of board was his excuse for leaving.

After a week's intermission Mr. Felch took up the ragged remnants and evidently tried his best to retrieve the fallen fortunes of the school. At my different visits most of the scholars were trying to learn and did make good progress.

That the prudential committee made serious errors in judgment is evident. It would appear, also, that he refused to acknowledge one of the first principles of American law, that every officer is, in a sense, the servant of the people who elected him, and that in the exercise of the almost arbitrary power placed in his hands he is bound to be just even to opponents.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

George A. Eastman, Prudential Committee.

First term, six weeks, taught by Edna Constantine.

Second term, fifteen weeks, taught by Mrs. George A. Eastman.

This was Miss Constantine's first term of teaching, and she showed herself well qualified for and well adapted to such work as this school furnishes, namely, persevering effort with little visible reward. She ought to have been given a much larger proportion of the money of this district.

The disaffection at the beginning of the winter term was mainly overcome by the evident qualification of Mrs. Eastman for the work required of her. Her quiet yet firm manner and her painstaking efforts to instruct, make an excellent showing at this writing, and all those scholars who have attended through

the term have made good progress and are evidently thorough.

In presenting these detailed reports of the several districts your committee has endeavored to be just in criticism without giving undue prominence to errors which may be those of judgment rather than of intention.

All cases where there have been serious faults or failures have seemed to furnish additional evidence in favor of the position held by all careful students of our common-school system, that the best success of our schools and the economical use of our money demand that their control be taken from our hap-hazard, unqualified, and regularly rotated prudential committees and vested in a limited number who are qualified or who may qualify themselves for such duties.

The establishment of a school in the Academy has relieved our district schools of a great many classes formerly rendered unavoidable by the attendance of advanced scholars. In the classification of those that remain your committee has attempted some reforms, but is conscious of having fallen far short of his duty in that respect. It is unquestionably the duty of the Superintendent to take this matter wholly into his own hands, and in order to do this intelligently he must have an intimate acquaintance with the standing of all scholars at the beginning of the year. It then becomes the duty of the town to choose at the coming election a Superintendent whom they can and will reelect for a term of years.

All the districts except the two largest have had an unusual amount of money this year, and nearly all of them have used it with discretion; but thirty weeks, the greatest number in any district, is not more than every scholar should be required to attend every year, and if the more remote districts, at inconvenient distances from the academy, shall allow their home advantages to be curtailed, it will cost their children what no amount of parsimony in this or other directions can repay.

Your committee has to report the discovery of some errors of judgment on his own part and some remissness in duty which should be accurately accounted in estimating the value of his year's work.

CURTIS B. CHILDS,

Superintending School Committee.

Names of pupils who have been present every half-day of a term without being tardy: —

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Charlie J. Dow,	Morton E. Patch,
Fred C. Parker,	Lewis A. Parker,
Grace D. Patch,	Ethel L. Patch.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Frank H. Chase,	Foristal I. Morse.
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DISTRICT NO. 3.

Harry B. Morrill.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Eva L. Presby,	Minnie Rice,
Emma Rice,	Annie Rice,
Clara Kimball,	Scott Colby,
Herbert Rice,	George Farrar,
Elwin Bacon,	Elgin Bacon.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Eda G. Patterson,	Ida F. Patterson,
Mary E. Putney,	Sarah Mittleman,
Charles E. Patterson,	Walter H. Putney,
Silas A. Rowe,	Carl W. Rowe,
Harry E. French,	Cyrus M. Ordway.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Frank Flanders,	Fred Flanders,
	Julia Robbins.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Walter L. French,	Frank E. Gregg,
Wilber Blaisdell,	George B. Colby,
Nettie M. French,	Gertie B. Gregg.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Guy H. Garland,	Harry F. Courser,
Wilber S. Carnes,	Willie A. Davis,
William W. Ferrin,	Lizzie M. Ferrin.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Lona D. Morse,	Arthur N. Huntington.
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DISTRICT NO. 11.

Gertrude F. Allen,	Grace E. Andrews,
Nellie A. Daniels,	Lottie M. Felch,
Carrie E. Folsom,	Josie Bunnell,
Harry Bunnell,	Albert Cogswell,
Elon R. Gregg,	Roscoe Lane.

Names of pupils who have been present every half-day of the year : —

- No. 2. Mary J. Chase.
- No. 3. Flora M. Peasley, Cora A. Peasley.
- No. 5. Luella L. Brown, Cora B. Poor, Alma L. Poor, Willie F. Farrar.
- No. 6. Fred T. Connor.
- No. 7. Frank P. Dodge.
- No. 11. Charlie A. Preston.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of district.	No. of terms.	TEACHERS.	Amount of school money.	Weeks of school.	Wages of teachers.	No. of scholars.	Per cent of attendance.	Visits of superintendent.	Visits of parents and citizens.
1	1	Minnie Whittemore.....	\$196.66	7.8	\$24.00	14	1	..
	2	{ Hattie C. Bliss.....		5.8	24.00	8	2	..
		{ Ada M. Carr.....							
	*3	George H. Dodge.....		12.0	34.00	16	2	..
2	1	Helen M. Low.....	133.59	6.0	22.00	7	90	1	15
	2	Mary W. Eastman.....		8.0	28.00	8	92	1	..
	3	Mary W. Eastman.....		7.6	28.00	8	94	1	18
3	1	Clara E. Patten.....	147.18	8.0	20.00	7	100	2	6
	2	Clara E. Patten.....		8.0	20.00	9	100	0	7
	3	Clara E. Patten.....		10.0	20.00	8	87½	2	0
4	1	Nettie M. Peabody.....	194.73	8.0	22.00	15	93	2	13
	2	Nettie M. Peabody.....		7.0	22.00	15	88	1	9
	3	Elwin L. House.....		10.0	36.00	19	97	2	12
5	1	Carrie L. Morse.....	237.58	10.0	28.00	26	96	3	28
	2	Carrie L. Morse.....		10.0	28.00	27	96	3	41
	3	Carrie L. Morse.....		9.0	36.00	29	89	2	16
6	1	Arvilla A. Hardy.....	157.37	8.8	22.00	14	93	2	6
	2	William H. Harwood.....		9.0	28.00	12	91	2	1
	3	William H. Harwood.....		7.0	28.00	11	89	1	4
7	1	Anna E. Dodge.....	181.46	9.0	24.00	12	100	2	20
	2	Anna E. Dodge.....		5.0	24.00	11	91	0	4
	3	Anna E. Dodge.....		11.0	30.00	8	100	1	13
8	1	Alice J. Taylor.....	225.30	10.0	24.00	17	87	2	8
	2	Alice J. Taylor.....		9.0	24.00	19	81	3	8
	3	Alice J. Taylor.....		11.0	24.00	17	83	2	8
10	1	Helen H. Colby.....	153.96	6.0	21.80	13	92	2	10
	*2	Helen H. Colby.....		16.0	27.00	13	3	..
11	1	Lydia M. Marshall.....	310.19	9.0	29.00	40	95	3	43
	2	Lydia M. Marshall.....		9.0	30.00	21	90	2	34
	3	{ George Q. Pettée.....		9.0	52.00	22	92	3	24
12		{ Walter F. Felch.....							
	1	Edna Constantine.....	143.77	6.0	18.00	8	100	1	..
	*2	Mrs. George A. Eastman.....		15.0	28.00	11	2	..

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